

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 7, 8, 13, 14, and 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 9-12, 15-19, and 21-28 have been cancelled. The amendment is believed to introduce no new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-17, 19, 21, 22, and 24-28 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over applicant admitted prior art in view of Buzzell (US Patent 4,045,738).

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner indicated that claims 7, 8, 13, 14, and 20 are allowed. Upon entry of the above amendment, the only claims pending in this application are claims 7, 8, 13, 14, and 20. Applicant respectfully suggests that claims 7, 8, 13, 14, and 20 are now in condition for allowance.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner rejected claims 15-17, 19, 21, 22, and 24-28 under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over applicant admitted prior art in view of Buzzell (US Patent 4,045,738). Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 15-17, 19, 21, 22, and 24-28 have been cancelled. As such, the rejection of claims 15-17, 19, 21, 22, and 24-28 is now considered moot.

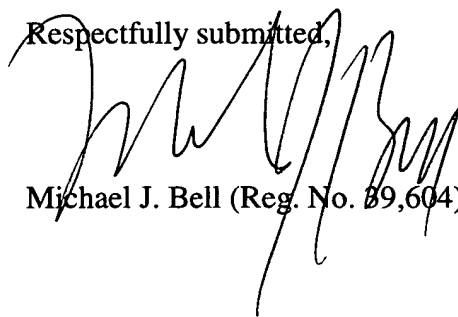
**CONCLUSION**

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Michael Bell at (202) 383-6500.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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